

# *Biological Science Technician*

*Salary: \$12.38 per hr regular time/\$18.57 per hr overtime*

*Status: Intermittent position with National Marine Fisheries Service contractor. Several positions are available.*

*Term: Up to 1 year*

*Duty Station: Galveston, Texas*

*Promotional Potential: None*

*Duties: Visual monitoring for sea turtles and marine mammals at explosive removal of oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico primarily off Louisiana and Texas. Observations are made from vessels, barges, and helicopters. Fish collection and identification, record keeping, trip report preparation, data collection, data entry and data proofing are also required. Duration of offshore trips averages approximately seven days but longer trips lasting a couple of weeks may frequently occur. Approximately 95% of work is offshore where incumbent lives aboard vessels and/or barges. Travel by car, boat, plane, and helicopter is required. Must have valid driver's license. Position is intermittent with no set daily working hours. Incumbent only works when offshore platform removals occur. During offshore trips, incumbent generally works two 6 hour shifts each day. Overtime is paid for hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week. Approximately 75% of work occurs from June through December.*

*Qualifications: BS degree in marine biology or related field. Ability to work in rough seas and inclement weather often under harsh living conditions is required. Must be mature, self-starter, who works well with others and requires minimal supervision. Experience living and working aboard vessels at sea is useful. Must have physical attributes conducive to working at sea aboard large and small vessels and barges including but not limited to: performing offshore transfers using swing lines and personnel baskets, performing vessel to vessel transfers, traversing steep stairways and walkways aboard rolling vessels, etc. Those prone to seasickness or requiring comfortable living/working conditions should not apply.*

*Start Date: May 2004*

*How To Apply: Submit current resume, college transcript, and list of three references (name, phone number, and, if available, e-mail address) to:*

*National Marine Fisheries Service  
4700 Avenue U  
Galveston, TX 77551  
Attn: Gregg Gitschlag*

*Training is scheduled to begin near the end of May 2004. Positions are open until filled.*